

Quarterly Hogs and Pigs

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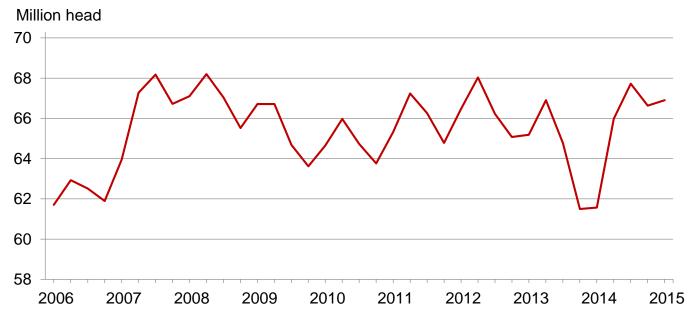
United States Hog Inventory Up 9 Percent

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2015 was 66.9 million head. This was up 9 percent from June 1, 2014, and up slightly from March 1, 2015.

Breeding inventory, at 5.93 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from the previous quarter. **Market hog inventory,** at 61.0 million head, was up 9 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from last quarter.

The March-May 2015 pig crop, at 29.6 million head, was up 8 percent from 2014. Sows farrowed during this period totaled 2.85 million head, up 1 percent from 2014. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.37 for the March-May period, compared to 9.78 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 8.00 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.40 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory – United States: June 1



United States hog producers intend to have 2.91 million sows farrow during the June-August 2015 quarter, down 3 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2014, but up 1 percent from 2013. Intended farrowings for September-November 2015, at 2.87 million sows, are down 4 percent from 2014, but up 3 percent from 2013.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 46 percent of the total United States hog inventory, down from 48 percent last year.

Revisions

All inventory and pig crop estimates for June 2014 through March 2015 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. The net revision made to the December 2014 all hogs and pigs inventory was 2.5 percent. A revision of 4.3 percent was made to the September-November 2014 pig crop. A revision of 1.1 percent was made to the March 2015 all hogs and pigs inventory. A revision of 0.7 percent was made to the December 2014-February 2015 pig crop.

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Hogs and Pigs Inventory by Class, Weight Group, and Quarter – United States: 2014 and 2015 [May not add due to rounding. Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Item	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
March 1 inventory			
All hogs and pigs	61,494	66,634	108
Kept for breeding	5,851	5,982	102
Market	55,643	60,653	109
Market hogs and pigs by weight groups			
Under 50 pounds	17,336	18,959	109
50-119 pounds	15,487	16,949	109
120-179 pounds	12,538	13,530	108
180 pounds and over	10,281	11,215	109
June 1 inventory			
All hogs and pigs	61,568	66,900	109
Kept for breeding	5,855	5,926	101
Market	55,713	60,975	109
Market hogs and pigs by weight groups			
Under 50 pounds	18,254	19,455	107
50-119 pounds	15,801	17,181	109
120-179 pounds	11,491	12,810	111
180 pounds and over	10,166	11,529	113
September 1 inventory			
All hogs and pigs	65,979		
Kept for breeding	5,920		
Market	60,059		
Market hogs and pigs by weight groups			
Under 50 pounds	20,390		
50-119 pounds	17,458		
120-179 pounds	12,112		
180 pounds and over	10,098		
December 1 inventory			
All hogs and pigs	67,726		
Kept for breeding	5,939		
Market	61,788		
Market hogs and pigs by weight groups			
Under 50 pounds	19,801		
50-119 pounds	17,366		
120-179 pounds	12,980		
180 pounds and over	11,641		

Sows Farrowing, Pig Crop, and Pigs per Litter - United States: 2013-2015

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ltem	2013	2014	2015	2015 as p	percent of
item	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)
Sows farrowing					
December-February	2,788	2,763	2,831	102	102
March-May	2,806	2,810	2,850	102	101
December-May ¹	5,595	5,573	5,681	102	102
June-August ²	2,890	2,991	2,915	101	97
September-November 2	2,780	2,994	2,865	103	96
June-November ^{1 2}	5,670	5,985	5,780	102	97
Pig crop					
December-February	28,099	26,326	28,966	103	110
March-May	28,921	27,495	29,563	102	108
December-May ¹	57,020	53,821	58,529	103	109
June-August	29,862	30,402			
September-November	28,253	30,633			
June-November ¹	58,115	61,035			
	(number)	(number)	(number)	(percent)	(percent)
Pigs per litter	(/	(/	(/	(1)	(1
December-February	10.08	9.53	10.23	101	107
March-May		9.78	10.37	101	106
December-May	10.19	9.66	10.30	101	107
June-August	10.33	10.16			
September-November	10.16	10.23			
June-November	10.25	10.20			

¹ May not add due to rounding

Pigs per Litter by Size of Operation - United States: 2014 and 2015

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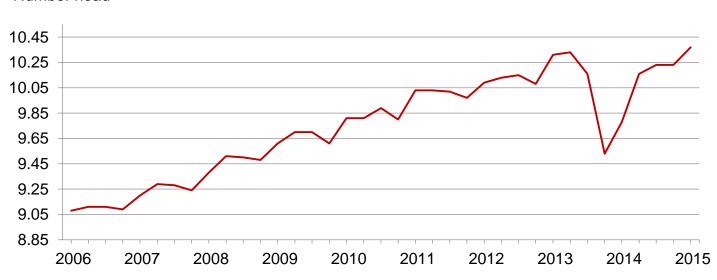
	Pigs per litter on operations having ¹									
Pig crop	1-99 head	100-499 head	500-999 head	1,000-1,999 head	2,000-4,999 head	5,000+ head				
	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)				
2014										
December-February	7.70	8.30	8.50	8.90	9.50	9.60				
March-May	7.80	8.50	8.80	9.20	9.70	9.80				
June-August		8.70	9.10	9.50	10.00	10.20				
September-November	8.10	8.80	9.20	9.60	10.10	10.30				
2015										
December-February	7.90	8.60	9.00	9.40	10.00	10.30				
March-May June-August September-November	8.00	8.70	9.10	9.50	10.10	10.40				

¹ Pigs per litter rounded to the nearest tenth.

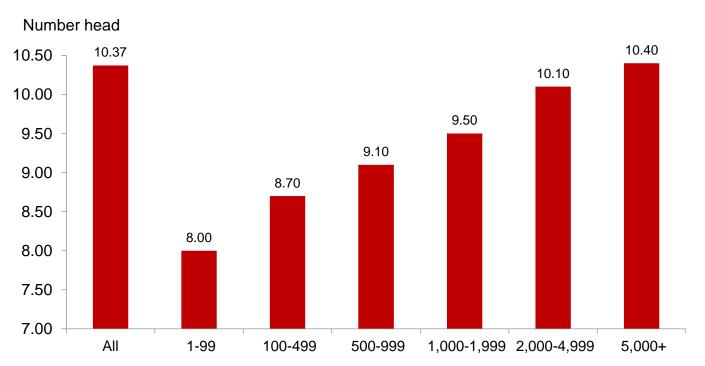
² Intentions for 2015.

Quarterly Litter Rate – United States

Number head

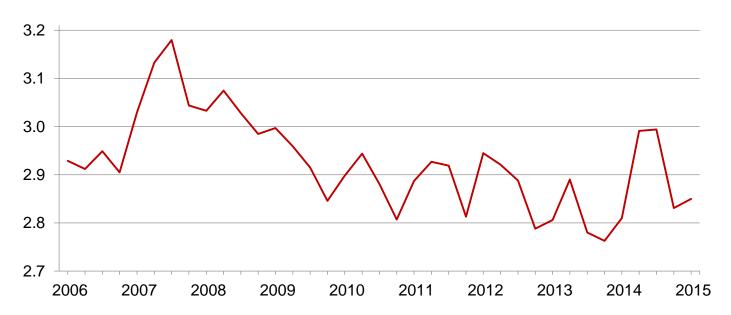


Pigs per Litter by Size of Operation – United States: March-May 2015



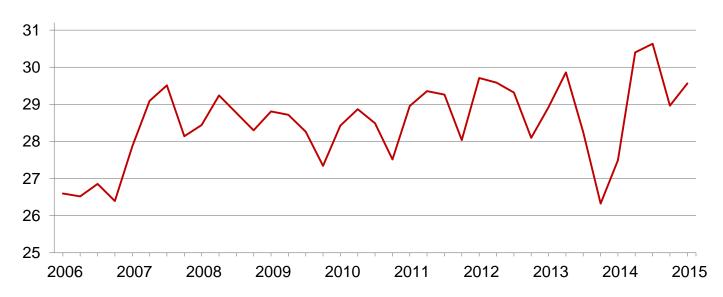
Quarterly Sows Farrowed – United States

Million head



Quarterly Pig Crop – United States

Million head



Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory - States and United States: March 1, 2014 and 2015

[May not add due to rounding]

		Breeding			Market			Total	
State	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Colorado	160	140	88	520	570	110	680	710	104
Illinois	500	490	98	3,750	4,210	112	4,250	4,700	111
Indiana	270	280	104	3,080	3,420	111	3,350	3,700	110
lowa	1,010	1,030	102	18,490	19,570	106	19,500	20,600	106
Kansas	170	175	103	1,460	1,665	114	1,630	1,840	113
Michigan		110	100	890	1,010	113	1,000	1,120	112
Minnesota	550	570	104	6,950	7,330	105	7,500	7,900	105
Missouri	355	400	113	1,995	2,450	123	2,350	2,850	121
Nebraska		420	105	2,600	2,680	103	3,000	3,100	103
North Carolina	870	890	102	6,930	7,610	110	7,800	8,500	109
Ohio	170	180	106	1,830	2,130	116	2,000	2,310	116
Oklahoma	430	440	102	1,520	1,730	114	1,950	2,170	111
Pennsylvania	95	100	105	1,015	1,020	100	1,110	1,120	101
South Dakota	170	165	97	1,020	1,135	111	1,190	1,300	109
Texas	100	100	100	430	800	186	530	900	170
Utah	75	75	100	635	585	92	710	660	93
Other States ¹	416	417	100	2,528	2,738	108	2,944	3,154	107
United States	5,851	5,982	102	55,643	60,653	109	61,494	66,634	108

¹ Individual State estimates not available for the 34 Other States.

Market Inventory by Weight Group - States and United States: March 1, 2014 and 2015

State		der ounds		119 nds	120- pou	·179 nds	180 pounds and over	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)						
Colorado	270	280	95	100	75	90	80	100
Illinois	1,070	1,290	1,100	1,250	810	890	770	780
Indiana	890	950	880	960	620	710	690	800
lowa	4,570	4,930	5,780	6,360	4,850	4,890	3,290	3,390
Kansas	390	435	345	405	275	335	450	490
Michigan	275	280	190	230	225	260	200	240
Minnesota	2,490	2,530	2,000	2,020	1,480	1,550	980	1,230
Missouri	920	1,220	385	485	320	380	370	365
Nebraska	820	850	730	750	545	615	505	465
North Carolina	2,630	2,740	1,650	1,810	1,540	1,640	1,110	1,420
Ohio	580	640	555	630	465	510	230	350
Oklahoma	580	720	335	370	225	270	380	370
Pennsylvania	250	255	345	330	190	240	230	195
South Dakota	330	365	280	305	210	250	200	215
Texas	80	215	105	210	75	200	170	175
Utah	290	255	130	105	110	120	105	105
Other States ¹	901	1,004	582	629	523	580	521	525
United States	17,336	18,959	15,487	16,949	12,538	13,530	10,281	11,215

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State	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Colorado	160	145	91	530	555	105	690	700	101
Illinois	490	490	100	3,810	4,110	108	4,300	4,600	107
Indiana	270	270	100	3,230	3,330	103	3,500	3,600	103
lowa	1,000	1,000	100	18,100	20,000	110	19,100	21,000	110
Kansas	170	180	106	1,470	1,670	114	1,640	1,850	113
Michigan	110	110	100	880	990	113	990	1,100	111
Minnesota	570	550	96	7,080	7,500	106	7,650	8,050	105
Missouri	380	395	104	2,070	2,505	121	2,450	2,900	118
Nebraska	390	410	105	2,610	2,790	107	3,000	3,200	107
North Carolina	860	880	102	6,740	7,120	106	7,600	8,000	105
Ohio	165	185	112	1,805	2,185	121	1,970	2,370	120
Oklahoma	430	440	102	1,460	1,790	123	1,890	2,230	118
Pennsylvania	100	105	105	1,010	1,055	104	1,110	1,160	105
South Dakota	175	170	97	1,035	1,150	111	1,210	1,320	109
Texas	100	105	105	570	765	134	670	870	130
Utah	75	75	100	645	635	98	720	710	99
Other States ¹	410	416	102	2,668	2,825	106	3,078	3,240	105
United States	5,855	5,926	101	55,713	60,975	109	61,568	66,900	109

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	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)						
Colorado	275	280	105	120	70	75	80	80
Illinois	1,220	1,270	1,160	1,210	770	850	660	780
Indiana	890	940	980	950	580	650	780	790
lowa	4,890	5,100	5,640	6,380	4,470	4,820	3,100	3,700
Kansas	410	430	360	495	260	325	440	420
Michigan	270	275	210	255	200	230	200	230
Minnesota	2,580	2,570	2,150	2,200	1,290	1,540	1,060	1,190
Missouri	1,005	1,255	405	475	315	370	345	405
Nebraska	840	860	770	765	510	615	490	550
North Carolina	2,750	2,830	1,590	1,650	1,230	1,320	1,170	1,320
Ohio	530	640	570	650	440	525	265	370
Oklahoma	620	740	350	380	180	270	310	400
Pennsylvania	275	290	340	335	190	220	205	210
South Dakota	345	405	265	320	205	215	220	210
Texas	130	240	145	195	140	125	155	205
Utah	270	280	130	120	115	115	130	120
Other States ¹	954	1,050	631	681	526	545	556	549
United States	18,254	19,455	15,801	17,181	11,491	12,810	10,166	11,529

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	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Colorado Illinois	1,000 170 110 550 350	155 510 280 1,030 170 110 550 390 390 870	107 102 104 103 100 100 111 98 99	555 4,100 3,430 19,900 1,650 940 7,150 2,650 2,650 8,420	555 4,140 3,320 19,770 1,660 920 7,200 2,460 2,710 7,530	100 101 97 99 101 98 101 93 102 89	700 4,600 3,700 20,900 1,820 1,050 7,700 3,000 3,050 9,300	710 4,650 3,600 20,800 1,830 1,030 7,750 2,850 3,100 8,400	101 101 97 100 101 98 101 95 102
Ohio Oklahoma Pennsylvania South Dakota Texas Utah Other States 1	165 420	170 430 100 175 100 75	103 102 100 103 118 94	1,925 1,790 1,040 980 505 660 2,745	1,910 1,620 1,060 1,095 670 645	99 91 102 112 133 98	2,090 2,210 1,140 1,150 590 740 3,166	2,080 2,050 1,160 1,270 770 720 3,209	100 93 102 110 131 97
United States	5,816	5,920	102	61,090	60,059	98	66,906	65,979	99

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Market Inventory by Weight Group - States and United States: September 1, 2013 and 2014

State		der ounds		119 Inds		-179 nds	180 pounds and over	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)						
Colorado	285	310	90	105	70	85	110	55
Illinois	1,330	1,270	1,290	1,280	700	830	780	760
Indiana	1,080	1,040	1,040	960	640	620	670	700
lowa	5,300	5,510	6,490	6,470	4,830	4,470	3,280	3,320
Kansas	485	485	360	500	270	315	535	360
Michigan	295	290	230	225	190	205	225	200
Minnesota	2,450	2,610	2,280	2,190	1,450	1,400	970	1,000
Missouri	1,180	1,270	650	470	390	360	430	360
Nebraska	850	940	810	800	570	505	420	465
North Carolina	3,140	3,110	2,240	1,820	1,670	1,430	1,370	1,170
Ohio	620	560	610	600	430	460	265	290
Oklahoma	790	720	345	390	175	220	480	290
Pennsylvania	245	265	355	370	220	225	220	200
South Dakota	355	380	285	305	185	200	155	210
Texas	125	210	115	190	110	140	155	130
Utah	285	300	130	130	125	115	120	100
Other States ¹	1,009	1,120	638	653	559	532	540	488
United States	19,824	20,390	17,958	17,458	12,584	12,112	10,725	10,098

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		Breeding			Market			Total	
State	2013	2014	2014 as percent of 2013	2013	2014	2014 as percent of 2013	2013	2014	2014 as percent of 2013
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Colorado	150	150	100	540	550	102	690	700	101
Illinois	500	500	100	4,050	4,200	104	4,550	4,700	103
Indiana	280	290	104	3,370	3,410	101	3,650	3,700	101
lowa	970	1,010	104	19,230	20,290	106	20,200	21,300	105
Kansas	170	180	106	1,580	1,660	105	1,750	1,840	105
Michigan	110	110	100	950	1,050	111	1,060	1,160	109
Minnesota	550	560	102	7,250	7,540	104	7,800	8,100	104
Missouri	345	400	116	2,405	2,450	102	2,750	2,850	104
Nebraska	390	400	103	2,660	2,800	105	3,050	3,200	105
North Carolina	870	880	101	7,630	7,920	104	8,500	8,800	104
Ohio	170	170	100	2,030	2,050	101	2,200	2,220	101
Oklahoma	420	440	105	1,560	1,670	107	1,980	2,110	107
Pennsylvania	100	100	100	980	1,030	105	1,080	1,130	105
South Dakota	165	160	97	1,035	1,110	107	1,200	1,270	106
Texas	80	100	125	510	700	137	590	800	136
Utah	75	75	100	625	535	86	700	610	87
Other States ¹	412	414	101	2,613	2,823	108	3,025	3,236	107
United States	5,757	5,939	103	59,018	61,788	105	64,775	67,726	105

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State		der ounds		119 Inds	_	-179 Inds	180 pounds and over	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)						
Colorado	260	265	95	125	75	80	110	80
Illinois	1,250	1,360	1,210	1,180	730	800	860	860
Indiana	1,010	1,040	900	950	650	660	810	760
lowa	4,840	5,310	5,940	6,500	4,850	4,740	3,600	3,740
Kansas	420	445	345	415	310	340	505	460
Michigan	305	310	210	245	200	250	235	245
Minnesota	2,650	2,650	1,980	2,200	1,390	1,520	1,230	1,170
Missouri	1,150	1,170	450	470	325	380	480	430
Nebraska	830	950	750	840	560	535	520	475
North Carolina	2,600	3,010	1,800	1,830	1,630	1,580	1,600	1,500
Ohio	640	590	600	600	440	520	350	340
Oklahoma	560	660	380	420	265	280	355	310
Pennsylvania	265	265	310	340	190	225	215	200
South Dakota	355	380	280	285	185	220	215	225
Texas	90	175	105	170	130	150	185	205
Utah	265	220	115	110	120	110	125	95
Other States ¹	899	1,001	610	686	526	590	577	546
United States	18,389	19,801	16,080	17,366	12,576	12,980	11,972	11,641

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Sows Farrowing, Pigs per Litter, and Pig Crop – States and United States: December-February 2014 and 2015

[December preceding year. May not add due to rounding]

		Sows farrowing Pigs per litter				Pig crop ¹				
State	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014	2014	2015	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014		
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(number)	(number)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)		
Colorado Illinois Indiana Iowa Kansas Michigan Minnesota Missouri Nebraska North Carolina	71 245 120 480 80 49 275 180 165 435	69 240 135 500 86 51 275 195 160 440	97 98 113 104 108 104 100 108 97	8.80 10.00 9.20 9.90 9.15 9.20 10.50 9.10 10.55 8.40	9.80 10.20 10.10 10.70 10.00 10.50 11.00 9.80 11.00 9.50	625 2,450 1,104 4,752 732 451 2,888 1,638 1,741 3,654	676 2,448 1,364 5,350 860 536 3,025 1,911 1,760 4,180	108 100 124 113 117 119 105 117 101		
Ohio Oklahoma Pennsylvania South Dakota Texas Utah Other States ²	90 180 44 82 41 40	88 190 45 85 43 35	98 106 102 104 105 88	8.00 9.15 10.40 10.65 8.60 10.00	10.45 10.15 10.20 10.80 9.05 8.70	720 1,647 458 873 353 400 1,840	920 1,929 459 918 389 305	128 117 100 105 110 76		
United States	2,763	2,831	102	9.53	10.23	26,326	28,966	110		

¹ Number of pigs born December-February that were still on hand March 1, or had been sold.

Sows Farrowing, Pigs per Litter, and Pig Crop – States and United States: March-May 2014 and 2015

[May not add due to rounding]

		Sows farrowing		Pigs pe	er litter	Pig crop ¹			
State	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014	2014	2015	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(number)	(number)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	
Colorado	73 250 125 470 82 52 290 185 170	70 230 130 495 83 50 275 200	96 92 104 105 101 96 95 108	9.30 9.90 9.25 10.60 9.25 8.90 10.60 8.90	10.00 10.50 10.50 10.60 9.95 10.70 11.05 10.40 11.20	679 2,475 1,156 4,982 759 463 3,074 1,647 1,785	700 2,415 1,365 5,247 826 535 3,039 2,080 1,904	103 98 118 105 109 116 99 126 107	
North Carolina	440	445	101	8.70	9.30	3,828	4,139	108	
Ohio	80 185 48 90 43 41	88 195 49 86 50 41	110 105 102 96 116 100	9.50 9.60 10.30 10.70 9.40 10.50	10.60 10.35 10.30 10.95 9.50 9.80	760 1,776 494 963 404 431	933 2,018 505 942 475 402 2,038	123 114 102 98 118 93	
United States	2,810	2,850	101	9.78	10.37	27,495	29,563	108	

¹ Number of pigs born March-May that were still on hand June 1, or had been sold.

² Individual State estimates not available for the 34 Other States.

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Sows Farrowing, Pigs per Litter, and Pig Crop - States and United States: June-August 2013-2015

[May not add due to rounding]

-		Sows fa	arrowing		Pigs p	er litter		Pig crop ¹			
State	2013	2014	2015 ²	2015 as percent of 2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2014 as percent of 2013		
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(number)	(number)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)		
Colorado Illinois Indiana Iowa Kansas Michigan Minnesota Missouri Nebraska North Carolina	290	73 260 145 530 85 51 290 205 175 470	72 250 140 490 85 50 290 200 175 440	99 96 97 92 100 98 100 98	9.50 10.20 10.10 10.60 10.05 10.10 10.80 10.40 10.85 10.10	9.45 10.20 9.80 10.70 9.90 10.10 10.85 9.80 10.90 9.50	665 2,550 1,263 5,141 814 505 3,132 2,028 1,790 4,747	690 2,652 1,421 5,671 842 515 3,147 2,009 1,908 4,465	104 104 113 110 103 102 100 99 107 94		
Ohio	90 190 48 86 42 43	86 200 49 89 44 42	91 195 49 87 53 39	106 98 100 98 120 93	10.40 10.30 10.20 10.90 8.30 10.00	10.00 9.70 10.10 10.65 9.90 10.40	936 1,957 490 937 349 430 2,128	860 1,940 495 948 436 437	92 99 101 101 125 102		
United States	2,890	2,991	2,915	97	10.33	10.16	29,862	30,402	102		

¹ Number of pigs born June-August that were still on hand September 1, or had been sold.

Sows Farrowing, Pigs per Litter, and Pig Crop – States and United States: September-November 2013-2015

[May not add due to rounding]

[May Not add dde to rod	. 51	Sows fa	arrowing		Pigs p	er litter		Pig crop ¹			
State	2013	2014	2015 ²	2015 as percent of 2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2014 as percent of 2013		
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(number)	(number)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)		
Colorado	72	71	71	100	9.40	9.70	677	689	102		
Illinois	235	255	245	96	10.20	10.25	2,397	2,614	109		
Indiana	130	150	135	90	10.05	10.20	1,307	1,530	117		
lowa	455	510	490	96	10.60	10.70	4,823	5,457	113		
Kansas	80	87	85	98	9.25	10.30	740	896	121		
Michigan	49	53	48	91	10.15	10.20	497	541	109		
Minnesota	290	305	285	93	10.80	10.95	3,132	3,340	107		
Missouri	180	210	200	95	10.30	9.50	1,854	1,995	108		
Nebraska	165	180	175	97	10.75	11.00	1,774	1,980	112		
North Carolina	445	460	440	96	9.50	10.00	4,228	4,600	109		
Ohio	85	92	87	95	10.40	10.35	884	952	108		
Oklahoma	185	195	190	97	9.95	10.20	1,841	1,989	108		
Pennsylvania	47	48	48	100	10.30	10.30	484	494	102		
South Dakota	82	86	86	100	10.75	10.85	882	933	106		
Texas	38	50	48	96	8.55	8.40	325	420	129		
Utah	40	39	38	97	10.10	6.70	404	261	65		
Other States ³	202	203	194	96	9.90	9.59	2,004	1,942	97		
United States	2,780	2,994	2,865	96	10.16	10.23	28,253	30,633	108		

¹ Number of pigs born September-November that were still on hand December 1, or had been sold.

² Intentions

³ Individual State estimates not available for the 34 Other States.

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Monthly Sows Farrowing, Pigs per Litter, and Pig Crop – United States: December-November 2014 and 2015

[December preceding year. Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	Sows far	rowing 1	Pigs p	er litter	Pig crop ¹		
WOTHT	2014	2015 2014 2015		2014	2015		
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(number)	(number)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	
December January February March April May June July August September October November	921 924 918 953 922 935 999 992 1,000 1,024 994 975	940 952 940 965 943 942	9.60 9.47 9.51 9.59 9.78 9.98 10.08 10.20 10.20 10.20 10.20	10.32 10.16 10.22 10.38 10.40 10.33	8,846 8,753 8,727 9,139 9,025 9,331 10,078 10,122 10,202 10,451 10,203 9,979	9,696 9,668 9,602 10,021 9,807 9,735	
Total	11,558		9.94		114,856		

¹ Monthly values may not add to quarterly or annual totals due to rounding.

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: A random sample of roughly 8,100 United States producers was surveyed to provide data for these estimates. Survey procedures ensured that all hog and pig producers, regardless of size, had a chance to be included in the survey. Large operations were sampled more heavily than small operations. During the first half of June 2015, data were collected from about 5,850 operations, 72 percent of the total sample. The data collected were received by electronic data reporting (EDR), mail, telephone, and face-to-face personal interviews. Regardless of when operations responded, they were asked to report inventories as of June 1, 2015.

Estimating Procedures: Hogs and pigs estimates were prepared by the Agricultural Statistics Board after reviewing recommendations and analysis submitted by each field office. National and State survey data were reviewed for reasonableness with each other and with estimates from past years using a balance sheet. The balance sheet begins with the previous inventory estimate, adds the estimates of births and imports, and subtracts the estimates of slaughter, exports, and deaths. This indicated ending inventory level is compared to the Agricultural Statistics Board estimate for reasonableness.

Revision Policy: Revisions to previous estimates are made to improve quarter to quarter relationships. Estimates for the previous four quarters are subject to revision when current estimates are made. In December, estimates for all quarters of the current and previous year are reviewed. The reviews are primarily based on hog check-off receipts and slaughter. Estimates will also be reviewed after data from the Department of Agriculture five-year Census of Agriculture are available. No revisions will be made after that date.

Reliability: Since all operations raising hogs are not included in the sample, survey estimates are subject to sampling variability. Survey results are also subject to non-sampling errors such as omissions, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. The effects of these errors cannot be measured directly. They are minimized through rigid quality controls in the data collection process and through a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

To assist users in evaluating the reliability of the estimates in this report, the "Root Mean Square Error" is shown for selected items in the following table. The "Root Mean Square Error" is a statistical measure based on past performance and is computed using the difference between first and final estimates. The "Root Mean Square Error" for hog inventory estimates over the past 20 quarters is 1.3 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 66.9 million head by more than 1.3 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 2.3 percent.

Reliability of June 1 Hog Estimates

[Based on data for the previous twenty quarters]

	.	90 percent	Difference between first and latest estimate						
Item	Root mean square error	confidence	Average	Smallest	Largest	Years			
	5qua. 5 5.15.	level	Average	Silialiesi	Largest	Below latest	Above latest		
	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(number)	(number)		
All hogs and pigs	1.3	2.3	721	95	1,676	11	9		
Pig crop	2.2	3.8	516	103	1,260	12	8		
Expected farrowings									
Next quarter	2.7	4.6	63	0	167	10	10		
Following quarter	3.0	5.1	73	18	197	9	11		

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